



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Sponsorship extended to local students**

The engineering trades centre at Collie Senior High School is to be extended so that students will have a sheltered outdoor area to help learn their craft, thanks to support from local industry.

Worsley Alumina and Fleetwood, the contractor that is building the accommodation camp for the Efficiency and Growth Expansion Project at the refinery, have combined to contribute \$15,000 to the project.

The sponsorship means that students will soon have an all-weather work area for projects such as building a trailer, or testing and running of motors in a ventilated area.

Outdoor World in Collie has been given the go-ahead to build a Colour-bond lean-to off the side of the metal trades workshop, formerly used by Collie TAFE, and which is now used by vocational education students from the high school.

Students will take a hands-on role in the project by enclosing the outdoor and building a storage area with materials supplied.

Fleetwood general manager Giles Everest said it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to contribute to the local community, leaving a lasting legacy from the company's involvement with the Worsley Expansion Project.

"It is one way in which the local community gets a direct benefit from this expansion," Mr Everest said.

Boasting one of the best equipped metal trade centres in the State, Collie Senior High School has long been supported by local industry.

The metal trades centre opened in 2006 thanks to a combined cash injection from Transfield BRW Services, Worsley Alumina, Wesfarmers, Verve Energy, Griffin Coal and the Collie Chamber of Commerce which was used to transform the former TAFE welding fabrication workshop.

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Students now have access to quality tools including a variety of welders and fabrication and sheet bending equipment.

Engineering trades teacher John Bylund said students learnt a variety of skills through the program including welding, metal fabrication and low voltage and automotive electrical work.

My Bylund said the electrical component of the vocational education program may be expanded given the high demand for electrical apprentices

“Local industry has also been supportive in offering vocational training opportunities as well as uniforms and safety equipment, to ensure a good degree of on-the-job know-how and allowing students to make informed choices in their career direction,” he said.

The engineering trades program has been extremely successful with more than 80 per cent of students finding jobs within two months of graduating from the course.

**PIC CAPTION:** Worsley Alumina’s Greg Bickley with Collie Senior High School vocational education students Zac Fairies, Daniel Sutherland, Clay Deangelis, Wesley Pullan and Fleetwood’s Mark Ainslie.

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